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A picture coding apparatus ~~(10)~~ which generates a stream so as to be able to decode a picture by obtaining a picture parameter set necessary for decoding the picture even at the time of trick-play, the apparatus including: a slice coding unit ~~(11)~~ which codes the picture and generates coded data; a picture parameter set (PPS) generation unit ~~(13)~~ which generates sequence parameter set (SPS); a PPS generation unit ~~(16)~~ which generates the PPS; and an access unit (AU) determination unit ~~17~~ which stores pieces of coded data respectively into access units of a random access unit (RAU) and stores the SPS into a first AU, and stores the PPS into the first AU or into the AU in which one piece of the coded data that refers to the PPS is stored.